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## §1.132 DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington D.C.

I, Dr. Robert Polance, declare and state the following:

I am familiar with U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/057,406 including the specification and the claims.

I obtained a Doctorate degree in Chemical Engineering from Michigan State
University in 1994. From May 1994 to present, I have been employed by the H.B. Fuller
Company, as a Rheology Specialist.

I, Dr. Robert Polance, declare and attest to that I tested or supervised the testing of the complex viscosity of Hytrel 4056 at 240°C and at 310°C. The complex viscosity of these materials at 1 radian/second was more than 10³ poise and between 10² and 10³ poise, respectively. In addition, when the measurement was done at 310°C, due to exposure to air, the material darkened and a char was evident. (See attachments A & B)

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that statements are made with the knowledge that willful and false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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